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In General

Community convenience

Chièvres Air Base Post Exchange and SHAPE Healthcare Facility have teamed together to offer Prescription refill pick-up service.

By J.D. Hardesty

SHAPE Healthcare Facility has teamed with AAFES Post Exchange to provide Brussels and



SHAPE/Chièvres communities with convenient prescription refill pick-up service.

"Americans and Canadians served by the healthcare facility may use this pick-up service," said Col. Mark D. Menich, M.D., commander of the healthcare facility. "Anything requiring refrigeration or narcotics and other controlled substances are not included in this expanded service."

According to Menich, healthcare staff donate their off-time to provide this service on a test basis to assess demand. Only refills are eligible for the service.

Geared toward family members, retirees and more experienced Soldiers, "The biggest challenge is people have to plan ahead," Menich said. "Patrons who call before noon Friday may pick up their refills Saturday."

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Retirees host luncheon

The Association of Retired Members of the Armed Forces in Belgium will host a luncheon at 12:30 pm, Sept. 17, at the restaurant Moulin de la Hunelle, 90 Rue d'Ath in Chievers.

All U.S. military retirees and guests are invited to meet our new retirement services officer. All-inclusive meal for • 28. For more information or to make reservations by Sept. 15 call 065/35-1721.

We may learn names of four 'Unknowns'

Pallbearers ceremonially move one of four exhumed bodies from the chapel at Ardennes American Cemetery Aug. 21. The remains of the "Unknown" World War II servicemen are being flown to the laboratory of Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Hawaii for possible identification. Left to right are cemetery superintendent Hans Hooker; and from U.S. Army Garrison Benelux, Pfc. Justin Webster, Spec. Jerrell Parkman, 1st Sgt. Michael Roth, Sgt. Vida Abril, and Pfc. David Swanson.

By Rick Haverinen

Four anonymous servicemen killed during World War II now have a chance for a name to be carved on their grave markers.

A team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command was at Ardennes American Cemetery in August to exhume the servicemen from their graves and ship their remains to Hawaii for possible identification in the laboratory.

The work of employing science to learn the identities of long-deceased humans has become a bit easier over the last decade with DNA testing.

"For example, when I first got to the lab in 1992 we had one case in particular with a skull and a gold-capped tooth in the front, but we couldn't figure out who that person was," said Robert Mann, the Central Identification Laboratory Deputy Scientific Director. "There were no dental records. No name, and no dog tags came in with the remains. We didn't know who this person was and there was nothing we could do. DNA testing comes along, and then refinements in that technology, and we were able just a few months ago to identify that individual that had been at the lab when I got there 13 years ago."

Members of the JPAC team are very discreet about their work and would not discuss why the remains of the four particular servicemen were selected for laboratory analysis. However, records are kept on all persons buried in U.S. military cemeteries, including the "Unknowns," whose grave markers are typically engraved with, "Here rests in honored glory a Comrade in Arms, known but to God."



PHOTO: Rick Haverinen

'Here rests in honored glory a Comrade in Arms, known but to God.'

It can be assumed that the four were selected because various traces of information were available that made the scientists believe they could now be successfully identified.

Ardennes American Cemetery might have been selected mathematically. With 777 graves containing the remains of 792 servicemen; or 773 graves with 788 servicemen now; this World War II burying ground has the greatest percentage of Unknowns of any U.S. military cemetery in Europe.

DNA testing is very helpful in determining identification, but it is not absolutely reliable.

"It's not a positive identification because the mitochondrial DNA is transmitted up and down generations from the mother," Mann said. "It's a maternal blood line. So anybody who

shares the same maternal bloodline, shares the same mitochondrial DNA. So you, your brothers and sisters, and your mom, and your mom's mom, aunts, brothers and sisters, all have the same mitochondrial DNA."

The results of the testing certainly help eliminate or include persons in groups from which individuals can be logically identified, however.

Mann is a forensic anthropologist so he is trained to look for characteristics that can help identify a person from skeletal remains. The skeletal indicators include the person's age at death, sex, race, height, type of trauma the person might have received, and sometimes whether the person was right or left-handed.

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Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski
USAG Benelux Commander

On this Labor Day weekend, as we transition from summer holidays to school days, toward a new fiscal year with newcomers settling into our communities, let me share some little known or underutilized opportunities in our communities.

Let's start in Schinnen, Brunssum

Nowowiejski Notes

and Geilenkirchen. This community is leading by example with motorcycle safety, which is a current focus across the forces. To help prevent motorcycle accidents, our communities offer an increasing range of motorcycle safety classes. For USAG Schinnen, they offer the **Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Riders Course**, a one-day course, will be held on: Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, Oct. 5 and 19, and Nov. 2 and 23.

The course is held at the JFC Brunssum sports field (Slag Heap) parking lot. Each class will be conducted between 7 a.m. and 12 p.m. For reservations and information call DSN 360-7313, or civilian 0031-46-443-7313, or 360-7327, or civilian 0031-46-443-7327. The MSF course is mandatory for all service members, civilians and family members affiliated with the U.S. Forces, Europe.

Next, those of you from Brussels

and SHAPE who shop at the AAFES Exchange at **Chievres Air Base** need to know about an opportunity that is currently being tested.

On Saturdays, when you shop at the Main Exchange at Chievres, you can get your **prescription refills** from both the **Brussels American and SHAPE clinics** refilled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the back of the Exchange. Look for the signs. All you need to do is to call DSN 423-5981 or commercial 065 44 55981 by noon on Friday before you pick up your prescriptions on Saturday.

Give your clinic, your prescription number and your name. Please remember, this service is for two of our three joint American communities: Brussels and SHAPE/Chievres. It is a trial program, and if you don't use it we will lose it.

We are trying to work toward your Saturday trip to Chievres Air Base be-

ing a one stop shop. In addition to prescription refills, you can now drop your recyclables at the **Chievres Recycling Center**. This is a complete drive through center across from the DPW hangar on Chievres. Come in the main gate and turn right.

This center is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturdays, and you can recycle paper, metal, wood, plastic, batteries, electrical wiring, tires, and more. The plastic bottle, glass bottle, and cardboard containers are available all hours and days.

I would encourage you to bring your recyclables when you shop, empty your car, and then fill it with your groceries and Exchange goods. The Chievres Recycling Center is also open on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for family time and Friday mornings as you leave for the weekend. **Please try this new facility.**

Winter deployments require extra caution

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Fort-to-Port Safety

1. As USAREUR transforms, we will continue to provide forces to help fight the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). This winter several USAREUR units, including Headquarters, V Corps, will deploy once again to the USCENTCOM AOR in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. When V Corps Headquarters deploys, USAREUR will be simultaneously providing resources for Multi-National Corps - Iraq Headquarters for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Combined Joint Task Force - 76 Headquarters for Operation Enduring Freedom.

2. USAREUR's contributions to the GWOT are clear: we are sending some the Nation's best-trained and most-capable forces to the fight. None of our capabilities matter, however, if our Soldiers are injured or killed before they arrive on the frontlines.

3. For those of you who have never been involved in a deployment, be forewarned: deployment operations are inherently dangerous, particularly in a European winter. USAREUR and the Army have learned many lessons—many of them the hard way—from previous deployments. One important lesson we learned is that effective composite risk management implemented early in the deployment planning phase is critical to preventing accidents and loss of life.

4. The areas we should be most concerned about during predeployment planning are listed below. They do not necessarily represent areas that have been the source of the most injuries and property damage in this theater. However, according to lessons learned throughout the Army, they have more potential for significant accidents and require special attention.

• **Convoy Operations.** We have all experienced the "hurry up and wait" routine. Convoy operations are traditionally slow and for good reasons: tactical vehicles are not designed to travel at high speeds. Convoy operations often involve long hours and precautions must be taken to avoid the dangers as-

sociated with fatigue. Drivers and vehicle commanders must follow and enforce deliberate rest and sleep plans. In addition, road reconnaissance is vital before and during convoy operations to identify hazards. Convoy personnel must receive handouts with up-to-date roadmaps, photographs of significant landmarks, emergency telephone numbers, and emergency procedures in case they have an accident or become separated from the convoy unexpectedly.

• **Rail Operations.** Rail operations include railhead loading and unloading operations, en route security operations, and guard details from start to finish. Those involved in these activities must remember one simple but extremely important rule: **DO NOT CLIMB ON LOADED RAILCARS** from the time they are loaded for departure to the time they are ready to be unloaded. Overhead powerlines demand our utmost respect: two people were electrocuted this year when they came too close to these electrical lines.

• **Port Operations.** Seaports in theater are commercial ports. Commercial and military operations will likely be occurring simultaneously at these ports. Congestion and many moving parts create an environment with a high potential for accidents. Leaders must plan ahead to avoid the risk of Soldiers operating equipment for which they do not have a license. Know each Soldier's limits. Do not ask a Soldier to operate a piece of equipment unless you know that he or she is licensed to do so. In addition, always use the appropriate number of ground guides to ensure safe operations.

• **Aviation Operations.** The turnover of aviation personnel directly affects the experience and proficiency level of our aviators. We must use the "crawl, walk, run" approach to conduct individual and collective training. Practice aircrew coordination in the simulator and during every training flight. Rehearse actions for brownouts and practice go-around procedures. Ensure that the actions to take when encountering reduced visibility conditions are second

nature to your aviators. Also ensure that mission briefers ask hard questions.

• **Predeployment Leave.** A loss of life is a tragic loss, regardless of how or when it happens. Know what your Soldiers are doing when they are off duty. I expect leaders to identify high-risk personnel using the standard assessment processes according to Army in Europe Command Policy Letter 3. After assessments are completed, leaders must review them before their next Under the Oak Tree counseling session and update them as necessary.

5. **Leaders:** I want you to personally supervise and evaluate operations. We need the commitment of commanders and leaders at every level to ensure our Soldiers execute to standard throughout deployment operations. Establish clear priorities for your unit, and ensure that your Soldiers understand that performing the task to standard is your top priority.

6. **Soldiers:** Learn, ensure you understand what you have learned, and execute to standard. You are ultimately responsible for your own safety. Do not do anything foolish. You are not invulnerable and you may kill yourself or others. You are a proud and vital member of the USAREUR Team and your fellow Soldiers depend on you. Look out for your buddies to ensure they are also

fully aware of what they are doing.

7. I am proud of each of you and grateful for your continued commitment to our Nation. By working together and paying close attention to the areas addressed above, we can achieve our goal and ensure everyone gets to the fight safely. Doing so will help ensure that we continue to execute with excellence Any Mission, Anywhere.



Gen. B. B. Bell

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General, US Army
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Mann is quick to point out that identification isn't the exclusive domain of the scientists at the Central Identification Lab.

"There is one part of the POW/MIA issue that is kind of under-stressed, and that is the historical aspect of it and the analytical part," Mann said. "These guys put in a lot of time and we get here because of these people. They run down the leads, they run down the information, and they have tremendous knowledge and background. The big picture in what we do is made from multiple lines of evidence. You have the field stuff, the archeology, the historical, the analytical, you have the anthropological, you have the dental, the biological, and all of the circumstantial evidence. It's all got to come together to support identification. If you can follow those multiple lines coming to a central point, you know where you're going. Sometimes you're missing some of those pieces of the evidence."

If the laboratory has remains from a body that is suspected to be a specific person from Albuquerque, one of the lab's historians might scour old medical records in New Mexico for evidence.

The JPAC team working at Ardennes American Cemetery included historian Christopher McDermott.

"One of the reasons we're able to identify people after the war, is because they conducted their identification process in a very similar way that we do



PHOTO: Rick Haverinen
Robert Mann, a forensic anthropologist, makes notes as other members of the Central Identification Laboratory team rig a privacy fence around graves to be exhumed Aug. 17 at Ardennes American Cemetery.

today," McDermott said. "In fact, a lot of the origins of what we now do as forensic anthropologists started in the post-World War II era. They actually had anthropologists on staff. There was a professor that worked at the University of Liege who helped identify the Soldiers that were processed here in Neuville, and they did the same kinds of basic methods that we do now. When we

pursue a case that involves an Unknown today, it means additional information has come to light that they didn't have available at that time, and we think that with further-developed scientific methods, we can hopefully make a positive identification."

McDermott said that the detective work sometimes gathers clues in one case that might lead to identification in others.

"Sometimes it means calling up someone who was part of a bomber crew, and bailed out, and wound up surviving the war, and you wind up talking to them about one case, but maybe they remembered something else about an earlier mission that may help you out," McDermott said.

Members of the crew said they constantly turn over bits and pieces of information in their heads, whether on or off-duty. So it's not exactly 40 hours per week.

"Most people who do this are really pretty driven," Mann said. "We get in at 8 or 8:30 a.m. and some of the other scien-

tists get in at 6:30 or 7, and they leave at 6 or 7 at night. And then we do a lot of work on weekends just because there's an element of time in what we do. So the longer remains stay in the ground, the less of them we may be able to recover, because acidic soil eats remains up. So we want to get out there as fast as we can."

It was the same laboratory in Hawaii that successfully identified Sgt. John Puckett, Co. B, 394th Infantry Reg., 99th Infantry Div., who was killed Jan. 15, 1945 east of Elsenborn, Belgium. His body was not recovered after the battle, and lay in the ground until it was located in 1992. The remains were then sent to JPAC and positively identified last March. Puckett was returned to Belgium to be buried with full military honors June 18 on the opposite side of Ardennes cemetery from where the laboratory team was working on this

current case.

This particular team had not worked together before, but to see them go about their work in the cemetery in August, it was obvious that there was both ease and efficiency in this mix of two senior enlisted men, one officer and two civilians.

"Generally, the teams are pretty well-established to build cohesion," said team leader Capt. Brian DeSantis, "but this one meshed very quickly. By the time we got to the airport we were tighter as a team for the first time, and the teamwork has just continued to get better and better."

It was also apparent in the way they worked that they shared a mission that was without doubt extremely crucial.

"It's a great feeling, especially when you're able to provide closure for the family," said Sgt. 1st Class Konrad Murak.

"What's also important for all of us is that the servicemen and woman are our brothers and sisters, whether they're retirees,

veterans, or people like these who are missing in action or POWs," DeSantis said. "The whole thing is a family-type event in terms of us bringing home brothers and sisters."

"It's very rewarding, said Sgt. 1st Class Danny Fleming. "I've been on quite a few missions now with JPAC. It feels good, me being a Soldier today, to help bring back the Soldiers from past wars."



DeSantis



McDermott



Murak



Fleming

Community mourns

Janet Fairfield Roseberry, 56, passed away peacefully Aug. 16 at Williamsburg Community Hospital.

She graduated from Ferguson High School and Thomas Nelson Community College and spent the last 19 years working as a civil servant. She was most recently working for the Department of the Army at SHAPE, Belgium where she received the award for Meritorious Civilian Service.

She is survived by: two daughters, Dr. Chaffin Anderson, of Augusta, Ga.

and Beth Bakkaal, of Newport News, Va.; her parents, Robert and Nancy Fairfield of Williamsburg, Va.; two sisters, Diana Lanford, of Newport News, Va., and Jenny Hughes, of Williamsburg, Va., and their families; a sister-in-law, Bonnie Kemp, of Pulaski, Va., and her family; and a host of friends here and abroad.



Roseberry

A memorial service was held Aug. 19 at Denbigh Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Va., and a local service was held Aug. 22 at SHAPE Chapel.

CFC campaign theme this year is 'Make a World of Difference'

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2005 Combined Federal Campaign – Overseas

1. The 2005 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) – Overseas begins 3 October and ends 2 December. The CFC is the only campaign authorized to solicit donations from employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations. The campaign

motto is *Make a World of Difference*.
2. Each year millions of dollars are raised through the CFC for thousands of nonprofit charities. Through the CFC, Soldiers and civilians can designate donations for a wide range of charities. Some donations directly support our overseas communities. We received \$96,039.09 last year for our family support and youth programs.
3. Helping those in need here in the European theater, in the United States,

and elsewhere around the world is an affirmation of the American spirit. The CFC is a valuable and reliable program through which we can express our desire to help.

4. I charge leaders and supervisors across the Army in Europe to support this campaign in their organizations and communities. Our CFC goal is to give every Soldier and civilian employee an informed opportunity to make a contribution.

5. I strongly encourage everyone to give generously to his or her charity of choice. Doing so will help *Make a World of Difference* for the Army in Europe.

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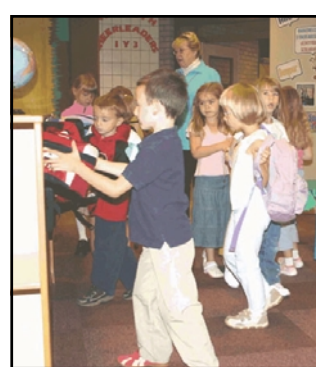
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Rusch new senior NCO at USAG Schinnen



PHOTO: Sylvia Bowron

Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph J. Rusch passes the USAG Schinnen garrison flag to Master Sgt. Leroy Lee during the assumption of responsibility ceremony Aug. 17.

By Sylvia Bowron

U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen's new senior enlisted noncommissioned officer, Command Sgt. Major Ralph J. Rusch, replaced acting com-

mand sergeant major, Master Sgt. Leroy Lee in a change of responsibility ceremony Aug. 17 in Schinnen, the Netherlands.

After the traditional passing of the colors, Lt. Col. Richard S. Richardson, commander U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen, welcomed all to the assumption of responsibility ceremony.

Richardson thanked Sgt. Maj. John M. Gaines, who departed USAG Schinnen in June to assume duties as command sergeant major U.S. Army Garrison Benelux. "There the Gaines family will

continue to serve Soldiers, civilians and families of not only Schinnen, but also Brussels, Chièvres and everywhere in between."

Richardson continued by welcoming Rusch and his family to Schinnen. "We are pleased to have you on our team," said Richardson. "You join a great outfit that consists of Soldiers serving along side Dutch and U.S. civilians." He mentioned the garrison's 'world class support' to the service members, civilians and family members in both the Netherlands and the northern German states, and the services provided to the community. Richardson praised the garrison's dedicated service to the nation, Army and community values and fostering community well being.

Richardson highlighted Rusch's accomplishments during his Army career. "He will be an exceptional community leader and role model," said Richardson, "and he is definitely the

kind of leader who will help our unit maintain its focus, accomplish its mission and take care of our Soldiers, civilians and family members."

Rusch came to the Netherlands from the Western Sector Military Entrance Processing (MEPS) Command in Denver, where he served as the command sergeant major.

A native of Freemont, Ohio, he has served in various stateside locations during his 26 years of Army service, such as Fort Hood, Fort Huachuca, and Carlisle Barracks. He also served with the U.S. Forces Korea.

This is Rusch's second tour in the Schinnen area. In 1995, he was assigned as the chief, administrative supervisor for Allied Forces Central Europe (AFCENT), Logistics and Manpower Division.

Accompanying Rusch is his wife Chin Suk Pak, also known as Julie, and his son Brandon, who will attend AFNORTH International High School.

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VBS takes youth on a 'prayer safari'



Story and photos by Sylvia Bowron

Tri-border area children from all faiths and nationalities participated in Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Joint Forces Command International Chapel, Brunssum, the Netherlands, Aug. 15-19. This year's theme was "Kingdom of the Son, a prayer safari."

The entrances to the chapel and the classrooms were decorated with colorful plants, trees and exotic animals from the grassland region of Kenya and Tanzania to get the children in the spirit of this year's theme.

"We are really pleased in the overall enrollment for this year's VBS," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Scott Borderud, command chaplain for U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen. "The JFC Brunssum VBS is the single largest religious event in the area every year," he continued, "You've got over 100 children and over 50 volunteers for five days straight at the chapel."

Volunteers from all denominations helped to make this prayer safari successful. Teachers donated their talents to teach the 3-12 year-old children about the beauty of the Serengeti and some

of the animals that inhabit the area. They also taught songs, made crafts and played games. The students were led into the word of God where they explored the universal Christian petition - *The Lord's Prayer*.

"It is the largest ecumenical and international religious event in the area among NATO forces, because it encompasses not only Americans, but Cana-



Brunssum Theater, children are having fun and learning. But the music area seems to be the most fun.

Angela Bailey and her students played recorded music designed to fit the African theme. The songs express love and praise for what they have. These

songs also have a lot of hand, waving, feet and turning motions which add to the fun of learning.

"I volunteered and asked for music, because I love it," said Bailey. "It brings my heart joy when I have little kids come up and give me a hug because this is the most fun part for them."

"There's one little girl I've never met before who came up and gave me the biggest hug I've ever felt aside from my own child," said Bailey, "and that was the biggest blessing to me. She totally made my day."

Borderud attributes the success of the program to the many volunteer teachers, coaches and those working behind the scenes. Volunteers helped with making and distributing snacks for the children, working in the kitchen; donating supplies for crafts, drinks and goodies, as well as those who helped with decorating the halls and classrooms.

"With the exception of the opening prayer and the closing ceremony on Friday, the chaplains are very much on the sidelines compared to the central role played by our chapel volunteers and others in the community," said Borderud, "and we are extremely grateful for food donations and support in the way of furniture we received from JFC Brunssum and USAG Schinnen to be able to put on this years program."

"At the very center is that members of our religious congregations and our community feel very strongly that their children should be exposed to their religious beliefs and the basics about the word of God," Borderud continued. "They want their children to be exposed to these things early in their lives and in an extremely

fun and positive way. They want this to be a totally unforgettable experience for their children, and, they're doing it."

Upper left: Carol Borderud and children listen to Denise Lillian, right, read a story. Upper right: Children go through the motions doing harambe. Center: Jane Saunders watches as youth make crafts. Lower left: Chaplain Glyn Williams, right, gives students ideas during the craft session. Lower right: Christopher Nerstheimer performs the harambe song.

dians and British as well," said Borderud. "This year we have been pleased that Chaplain Wing Com-



mander Glyn Williams has taken part as one of the team leaders and in a very active way, as well as a number of Canadians, Dutch and German volunteers and children from all over the area," he continued. "It is also the greatest ecumenical event because involves the complete participation of both protestant and Catholic religious communities in the JFC Brunssum area."

"I volunteered to help out a little bit," said Chris Lorenzen, a first time volunteer for VBS. "I ended up coaching," she said chuckling. "I'm having a great time."

"This is my first year as a volunteer," said Winnette Warren, who works with the 3-5 year-old children. "The kids and I are having a great time, and I plan to help out again next year."

The youth who are too old for VBS have volunteered to help with crafts and as coaches who help keep order among the children.

All through the chapel building and the JFC





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USAG Schinnen Local Calendar

Vendor stockers wanted

Employees are needed for night work stocking shelves for the Schinnen Commissary. Please contact the grocery manager at DSN 360-7221 or comm. at 0031 (0)46 443-7221.

Part-day preschool

Child and Youth Services, U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen, is offering part-day preschool for 3-4 year-old children starting Sept. 15 at the Child Development Center, Brunssum.

The program is offered for two days a week, Tuesday and Thursday; three days a week, Monday-Wednesday-Friday; and five days a week, Monday-Friday. Hours are 9 a.m.-noon and include lunch. There are only 10 spaces available each day.

This school program follows the international school calendar—when school is out, program is closed. These closures are included when fees are determined, so parents pay the same every month even during school vacation times.

For program information call 0031 (0)45 526-2575 or 3823 and for registration information call 0031 (0)45 563-6221.

Trunk or Treat

Halloween is just around the corner and it's time to get ready for Trunk or Treat festivities. Stop by Army Community Services and fill out the registration form. You will then be assigned a spot once all the registration forms have come in.

Without you, it won't be a success. Please call DSN 360-7451 or 0031 (0)46 443-7451 or 7500 for information or registration.

Motorcycle safety course offered

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation Experienced Riders One-Day Course will be held Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28; Oct. 5 and 19 Oct, and Nov. 2 and 23 from 7 a.m. to noon.

These courses will be held at the JFC Brunssum sports field (Slag Heap) parking lot. For reservations and information call DSN 360-7313 (comm. 0031-46-443-7313) or 360-7329 (comm. 0031 (0)46 443-7329).

Park and Sell flea market

The next Park and Sell flea market will be held Sept. 10, at the Dental Clinic parking lot on the Geilenkirchen NATO Base from 10 a.m. to noon. The market is open to all NATO ID cardholders.

The last Market scheduled date is Oct. 8. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee for sellers. To reserve a space stop by Bldg. 104, Room 4, or simply show up. For more details, call 0049 (0)24 5163-2258

MWR Trips and Tours

Luxembourg – Sep. 10, \$27.50. Guided city tour, free shopping/sightseeing time. The World War II Luxemburg American Cemetery and Memorial, a poignant piece of hallowed ground is within the city limits. Please register by Sept. 1.

Oktoberfest in Munich – Oct. 1, \$79. Experience the largest party on earth. Bus arrives in Munich at 3 p.m. and leaves at midnight with arrival at Schinnen 9 a.m. Sunday morning. You must register by Sep. 24.

Prague – Oct. 28-30, \$109. View the capitol of the Czech Republic, one of Europe's jewels and enjoy the romantic charm of the city's old town and stroll on Wenslas Square for sites and shopping. Register with full payment by Oct. 21.

Paris – Nov. 26, \$49. Express trip to the city of

lights, with its Eiffel Tower, historical buildings, museums and shopping with a French taste. Register with full payment by Nov. 19.

Cologne – Dec. 5, \$27.50. Day trip to Cologne Christmas markets. Register with full payment by Dec. 3.

For information on these trips, stop by the Schinnen Fitness Center, or call DSN 360-7561 or comm. 0031 (0)46 443-7561.

CYS enrollment hours change

The USAG Schinnen Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Office in Treebeek has changed their hours of operation for registering your children for child care, youth sports and teen programs.

New hours are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. for walk-ins and 3 – 5 p.m. for appointments only. Call DSN 364-6221 for an appointment or more information.

Dutch language class set

The Treebeek Education Center, Treebeek is offering a Dutch Language Class, Sept. 12 – 22, at from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The program is free of charge and designed to acquaint participants with host nation language and culture. All military newcomers and their family members are welcome to participate.

For more information or to join the class, call the Education Center at DSN 364-6060/41 or comm. 0031 (0)45 563-6060/41.

SATO Trips and Tours

SATO is offering a Mediterranean cruise. Two children up to 17 stay free in the same cabin. Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended. Reserve on-line at www.europe.satovacations.com or call the local SATO office at DSN 360-7570.

Successful students - new principal's goal

By Sylvia Bowron

Students of AFNORTH International Middle and High schools in Brunssum, the Netherlands, were welcomed to their studies Aug. 22-23, by their new principal, Carolyn Forbis.

A native of Denver, Colo., Forbis began her career over 30 years ago after receiving a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Denver. She has been working with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools for 17 1/2 years.

"In high school I was involved with the Future Teachers Association," said Forbis, "and we used to go into the schools during one of our classes and work with the children. I had a real interest in working with them and helping them."

Forbis was an elementary teacher for 13 years before going into counseling. "I really feel that they have to get off to a very good start," said Forbis. "You do a lot of counseling in teaching, and it was an opportunity to work

with older children and it was nice to go on into a high school setting and work as a high school counselor."

Forbis, who has been a counselor for elementary, middle and high schools through out her career, comes to the Netherlands from Lakenheath Elementary School, United Kingdom, where she was the assistant principal.

"You do a lot of counseling in teaching," said Forbis, "however, there is a difference in the issues you deal with. With elementary students there is a lot of learning to adjust, dealing with behaviors and learning how to make friends."

"In middle school and high school, you do a lot of career counseling," said Forbis. "Middle school students you prepare them for high school. High school counseling involves a lot of career preparation, college post secondary planning as well as personal issues."

Forbis believes there are a lot of rewards in the education profession. "In the classroom you are rewarded when you see a child 'get it'. You see the



Carolyn Forbis

light in their eye that they have caught on to the concept that you are trying to teach them, whether it is at the elementary level or the university level. "I believe that working as counselor, principal and school administrator, you are helping adults grow," Forbis continued. "You're challenging them, take pride in their successes, and it's a neat feeling to see people shine, whether it be a student in your classroom or you see a teacher take an active roll in something they didn't think they could do, and be suc-

cessful."

According to Forbis, they are always learning in the education profession and you have to be a life long learner or you can't remain in education and be effective.

Forbis doesn't plan on making any major changes at the school. She plans on looking, listening learning and working with the staff to find out what has been working. She wants to know what good things are going on at the school and what improvements or changes the staff and community feel needs to be focused on.

"I will not make major changes to start with," Forbis said. "I have heard wonderful things about this school, the community and the way they work together. I want to continue all those good things and help us to grow together and learn more."

Forbis envisions continuing the emphasis on academics stating, "We are a school; we are about learning; and, we want to help every student to be successful. That is our goal ... that's what we're here for."

Scholars report for duty



PHOTO: Rick Haverinen

Akira Bennett settles in for a new school year Aug. 22 at SHAPE American Elementary School in Libby Heineken's third grade class.

Calendar SHAPE/Chièvres

SHAPE Trips and Tours - La Cateau Brewery tour and lunch, Sept. 4; Buckingham Palace, Sep 10; Da Vinci Code and Louvre tour, Sept. 17. Info: DSN 423-3884.

Free Headstart French language course, Sept. 5, 9 a.m.-noon, and Sept. 19-30, 1:30-4:30 p.m., SHAPE Education Center, Sign up required: DSN 423-3466. **Childbirth Education class** is Sept. 7, 5-7 p.m., at SHAPE Health Clinic, 2nd floor conference room. Sign up: DSN 423-3321.

SHAPE Entertainment Centre news - Starting auditions for the Fall Children's Theater Project: "Once

on this Island," Sept. 6-8, 4-6 p.m. Casting is for children ages 4 and up. Adults welcome and young adults especially encouraged. Show dates are Nov. 17-20. Info: DSN 423-8241. *Show dates for new play, "An Evening with Kander and Ebb,"* are Sept. 29-30; and Oct. 1-2, and 7-8.

SHAPE American High School open house, "Back to School Night," Sept. 6, 6 p.m. Info: DSN 423-5789.

The Orlando Magic Cheerleaders appear Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m., at the IC Club. Autographs follow performance.

SHAPE Library has preschool story time every Tuesday, 10 a.m. No sign up required. Info, call DSN 423-6042.

Calendar NSA/Brussels

CYS Torch Club meeting is Sept. 2, 5 p.m., at the Child and Youth Center. DSN 368-9651

CYS Middle School Dance with music and pool, Sept. 10, 7 p.m., at the Three-Star Lounge. The lounge will be closed to the public. DSN 368-9822

Pre-School Story Hour every Wednesday, 10-11 a.m., at the USAG Brussels Library. Just stop by.

Free Headstart language classes - French Orientation Course, Sept. 12-23, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Dutch Orientation Course, Sept. 19-30, 9 a.m.-

noon. Both at the USAG Brussels Education Center. Sign up required, call DSN 368-9704.

Infant CPR and First Aid Class, Sept. 14, 6-7:30 p.m., at the USAG Brussels Fellowship Hall, Chapel Area, Bldg. 2. Advanced sign up required, call DSN 368-9783.

Brussels Community Information Fair is Sept. 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; and 4-8 p.m.; at the USAG Brussels Chapel area, in Three Star Lounge, and the performing arts center. Info: DSN 368-9729.

Examination makes connections



PHOTO: Capt. Luis Cruz

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Det., 39th Signal Bn., demonstrate their ability to install connectors on fiber optic cable at the Commo Best By Test July 21 on SHAPE. Left to right are Spec. Christopher Newsom, Spec. Nathan Riley, Staff Sgt. Shannon Wilson, and Spec. Krystal Stone.



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